

KING COUNTY ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 19, 2002

Members Present: Linda Brown, Joan Clement, Nancy Code, Pam Detrick, Roger Goodman, Jim Harbaugh, Bob Seidensticker

Member Absent: Yasmin Smith, Scott Willard (excused)

Staff Present: Geoff Miller, Rhoda Naguit, Jim Vollendroff

Guests Present: Miae Christofferson, Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse; Gerry Coughlia, Jane Serand, Alcohol Drug Helpline; Ken Nicholas, CPC-Bridgeway Recovery Program

Board Chair Linda Brown convened the regular meeting of the King County Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Administrative Board at 12:05.

I. INTRODUCTION

Everyone was asked to introduce themselves.

II. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Bob Seidensticker made a motion, which was seconded by Nancy Code to approve the September 10, 2002 meeting minutes as submitted. The motion was passed and unanimously approved.

Roger Goodman made a motion and seconded by Jim Harbaugh to approve the October 10, 2002 minutes as well. The motion was passed and unanimously approved.

Board Chair Linda Brown tabled the review and approval of the minutes of October 23, 2002 Board planning retreat for next board meeting.

III. CHAIR'S REPORT

A. Announcements

- Prevention Grant: The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) awarded the Seattle/King County Public Health \$336,000 federal grant to support prevention activities related to Ecstasy and other club drug problems. Board Chair Linda Brown sent a letter to Sharon Toquinto, Alcohol and Other

Drugs Prevention Division Manager, to congratulate her and her team on the grant award and to thank them for their innovative and outstanding work on the development of club drug prevention programs at the national level.

- Public Hearing: The Liquor Control Board will hold a public hearing tonight at Washington State Convention and Trade Center to hear a request from the City of Seattle to formally recognize an alcohol impact area (AIA) in Pioneer Square. An AIA is an area of a city or town that is experiencing significant problems with chronic public inebriation or illegal activity associated with alcohol sales or consumptions.
- DASA Statewide Administrative Board Summit: The Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse is sponsoring a summit meeting for board chairs and other board members interested to review WACs on Friday, December 6th at Sea-Tac area. Board Chair Linda Brown and Jim Vollendroff will attend.
- Race, Class and the War on Drugs Conference: This conference will be held on Thursday, December 5, 2002 at the Plymouth Congregational Church, 1217 6th Avenue in downtown Seattle from 8:30am to 5:00pm. There is a \$10 registration fee, which includes lunch. Roger said that advance registration would ensure seat availability. Roger Goodman will serve as one of the moderators in a panel discussion on racial and class disparities. The community forum will focus on disproportionately adverse effect of the enforcement of current drug policy on racial minorities and the poor in Seattle and across the nation. Roger will send an electronic copy of the agenda to the board members.
- Executive Session: The board will hold an executive session at around 1:00pm to discuss contractual issues.

B. Legislative Forum Update

The program format for the upcoming Legislative Forum is in good shape. A good number of legislators have been invited to attend the forum. Some have expressed regrets due to previous out-of-town commitments. Board members are encouraged to contact their respective local legislators to attend the event. Geoff said that 6,000 invitations have been mailed out and he is still receiving requests for more tickets. Expected attendance is between 500 to 600.

KCASAAB Chair Linda Brown and KCMHAB Chair Howard Miller will give a brief summary of the three legislative priorities at the start of the program. The three legislative priorities include prescription drug reform, reinvest savings generated by reforms, and a proposed CD prevalence study county-by-county, similar to MH prevalence study. A panel discussion will follow. Only written questions will be entertained by the panelists.

Board Chair Linda Brown noted this year's forum has a different format. Bob Seidensticker said that the deletion of personal stories is a major change in the program format.

C. Board Liaison Report

Nancy Code attended the Children and Family Commission meeting, which was also attended for the first time by Jackie MacLean as Director Designee of Department of Community and Human Services. The commission is developing a Website. At the most recent meeting, the group discussed budget issues and will allocate a substantial amount of the budget to Project Lift Off, a public-private collaboration devoted to early learning and child development programs.

Joan Clement did not have a report on the Chronic Populations Action Council (CPAC) because the November 2002 meeting was canceled.

IV. ALCOHOL/DRUG COORDINATOR'S REPORT

A. E-memo

The release of the maiden issue of E-memo is in conformity with what was discussed at the board retreat last October 23, 2002. Jim Vollendroff will be sending out an email a week prior to the regular monthly board meeting with helpful information to the board members. He asked the board to send any suggestions or feedback on how to improve this information sharing and make this document more conducive as a means of communication between the board and the Alcohol/Drug Coordinator. Rhoda Naguit has been assigned to be the keeper of information, so if any items need to be included in the email, they are to be sent to her.

Jim discussed each item on the E-memo.

In discussion of the item about program initiatives to serve individuals in the criminal justice system for next year, Jim said that the funding for these initiatives comes from a portion of the savings from closing CHAT. The Adult Justice Operational Master Plan (AJOMP), adopted by the King County Council early on this year, included a recommendation to close the Cedar Hills Addiction Treatment (CHAT) Facility. The Executive Budget proposed that a portion of the savings from closing CHAT be used to fund other substance abuse treatment programs directed at diverting persons involved in the criminal justice systems from incarceration to community treatment. The Department of Community and Human Services is mandated to manage the three chemical dependency treatment programs, which include the Co-occurring Disorders Tier Project, methadone treatment, and the housing voucher program. These programs will

be funded at approximately \$400,000 each for one year. Jim will start working with Amnon Shoenfeld, Acting Manager of Mental Health, Chemical Abuse and Dependency Services Division, and Jean Robertson, Assistant Manager/RSN Administrator of the Division, to develop an RFP for these projects.

On the methadone treatment project, Jim said that he has been working with Amnon Shoenfeld, MHCADSD Acting Manager and Bette Pine of Jail Health of the Seattle/King County Public Health. Bette's office has expressed interest in providing the methadone treatment to individuals in jail clients. Board members expressed concern about jail-based service being focused solely on dispensing methadone and no other treatment. Jim is looking at different possibilities of contracting out the methadone treatment project. These include contracting with an existing agency provider or having the Jail Health program directly provide jail-based methadone services. There was a concern that this funding might be jail-based instead of funding community-based services. Jim stated that he would like to see that funding goes through the Division. He asked board members to send him any feedback concerning this issue.

The Housing Voucher program is a very exciting project. A position paper will be sent to the board later. This project has \$500,000 funding to provide housing vouchers to needy clients in January 2003. This goal of the project is to provide clients with a stable environment. . Another goal of the project is to provide housing and training to clients in relapse to help them attain sobriety and employment.

In the discussion of the Co-occurring Disorders Tier Project, several Board members felt that clients in this program should have a primary chemical dependency diagnosis rather than a primary mental health diagnosis. and not mental health.

Jim plans to attend the Liquor Control Board hearing regarding a request from the City of Seattle to implement an Alcohol Impact Area (AIA) in Pioneer Square. In the discussion of the proposed AIA some Board members questioned the impact of an AIA in Pioneer Square on adjacent neighborhoods. There is some concern that individuals will simply move to another area of the city that will then become a new problem area.

The board found the two-page "Prevention Pays" document, which was attached in the E-memo, to be very informative. Jim also gave out copies of the Tobacco, Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (TAOD) Trends booklet. This booklet is an excellent resource book, containing valuable information and data on TAOD.

The Eastlake Project (the proposed Downtown Emergency Services Center "wet" housing project) has received nationwide attention. A follow-up public meeting

about the project will be held in two weeks' time. The board will be kept posted on this issue. The project is designed to provide housing for approximately 75 people.

With the assistance of Geoff Miller, a draft of Fast Response has been developed. As soon as Jim has reviewed and finalized the document, this will be emailed to the board members.

Jim asked the board to continue to send in their feedback on how to improve this monthly E-memo.

B. Future Board Presentations

Jim is developing a format for agency presentation to make sure information is given in a brief and concise manner. The format will be included in next month's E-memo. Jim regrettably announced that Stonewall Recovery Services (SRS) has notified the Division of its closure effective December 31, 2002. In view of this development, the Division will need to find an agency that can provide the services SRS has been providing for this special population. Jim reported that Seattle Counseling Services has expressed interest in taking on this responsibility. The Division will assist the agency to be certified and licensed by State DASA.

C. RFP Process

Jim announced that the Division is considering re-instituting an RFP process for some of the chemical dependency (CD) services contracts. Among the advantages of an RFP process is the motivation it provides for agencies to be more innovative. A brief discussion of the advantages and problems associated with the RFP process followed. Some Board members expressed concern about the impact of annual RFPs on the continuity of services. Continuity in Assessment Center and Detox services is especially important. Board Chair Linda Brown suggested this item be put on the agenda for further discussion at the December 17, 2002 board meeting. Jim will do a research on how other counties do their RFP and will report back at the next board meeting.

VI. OTHER CONCERNS AND ISSUES

Geoff Miller made several announcements. On April 3, 2003, the Northwest Frontier will hold a research-based training in Oregon to be attended by 150-200 people. Laura Edwards of King County Community Organizing Program and Winnie Ng are planning together a Youth Meth Summit in the near future. ATEP kids will participate. A similar summit was recently held in Snohomish County.

Board Chair Linda Brown adjourned the meeting at 1:05pm to go into Executive Session.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

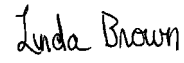
Jim Vollendroff discussed with the board his decision not to renew the Title XIX Adult Chemical Dependency (CD) Services in the 2003 contract year with Highline West Seattle Mental Health Services due to undocumented Title XIX service. This is the second time adequate documentation of services has been a serious problem with this agency. He also consulted the board about his decision not to continue contracting with Lakeside-Milam Recovery Centers in 2003. The contacts with Lakeside-Milam Recovery Centers are so small that the work necessary to monitor and maintain the contract is not justified. The board supported both decisions and asked the Board Chair to write a formal memo to Jim Vollendroff expressing the support of the Board on these two decisions. The board will further discuss the contractual issues at the regular board meeting on December 17, 2002.

There being no further business, the Executive Session was adjourned at 1:40pm.

Prepared by:

Rhoda A. Naguit
Recording Secretary

Attested by:


Linda Brown
Board Chair